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Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—“ If that is so, may I request the hon. the Minister to make an enquiry as to the financial capacity of the concern and determine whether the company can be taken up by the Government themselves and worked ? ”

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ That is a matter for consideration, and negotiations for that purpose are going on.”

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—“ The answer to clause (b) says that such sums were advanced to the company ever since 1925 and the answer to clause (a) says that the company has not yet commenced work. May I know, Sir, whether work was originally commenced and afterwards it was suspended or whether the company has not at all commenced work ? ”

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—“ May I know if this sum of 4½ lakhs stated here was given with a view to cover up all the other loans as well as to meet the necessary expenses ? ”

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—“ May I know from the hon. the Minister whether the Government are thinking of ending this mill altogether ? ”

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ Not at present.”

Paper mills in India, the bamboo pulp of which is manufactured on modern lines.

* 742 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) the number of paper mills in India whose bamboo pulp is manufactured on modern lines; and

(b) whether there are any such mills in this Presidency ?

A.—(a) One.

(b) None.

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—“ May I know, Sir, the name of the one company mentioned in answer to clause (a) ? ”

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ It is called the India Paper Mill Company.”

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—“ Is it under private management or under Government management ? ”

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ I am not able to say that, Sir.”

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—“ Is this mill working now, Sir ? ”

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ In one of the reports, I saw, it was said that it was working.”

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—“ Since there is no paper mill working now in this Presidency, will the hon. the Minister see that by advancing money to this company, at least one mill will be working ? ”

* The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ The question does not arise.”